



THE REDBACK

JANUARY 2022

WELCOME TO SEASON 2022

Well, the 2021 season didn't really go the way we expected it, did it?? If you are returning to the club from last year, welcome back, if you are new to the Redbacks family, welcome!! The 2022 season is quickly approaching and the BFC Committee are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible, have a great season with the mighty Redbacks.

2022 REGISTRATIONS

Registrations for the 2022 season are now open. Please read the following to help you through the registration process. Anyone wishing to use the Active Kids Voucher please ensure you register prior to commencing the registration process as you need to enter the voucher number at the time of registration.

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>

You will also need a clear headshot photo, passport style to upload during the registration process. (no caps or sunglasses).

Returning players will need to login into their account at:

<https://www.playfootball.com.au/club-registration-search>

New players are required to create an account at

www.playfootball.com.au

Anyone wishing to Coach or Manage a team this year will require a valid Working with Children check to complete their registration, this can be applied for at:

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-working-children-check>

Our **Early bird discount** is available until **14th February**, we encourage everyone to register before this date to take advantage of the lower registration fees for 2022. After this date, all costs will **increase by \$30**. We also have a family discount of \$30 if you have more than one family member playing.

Should you have any queries please email our Registrar, Jacqui Alexander at: admin@blaxlandfootball.com

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION PRICES

Under 5 to Under 8 (Born 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014)	\$140
Under 9 (Born 2013)	\$145
Under 10 to Under 11 (Born 2012 or 2011)	\$160
Under 12 (Born 2010)	\$190
Under 13 to Under 16 (Born 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006)	\$200
Under 17 to Under 18 (Born 2005 or 2004)	\$220
Age 19+ years - Intermediate, All Age, O/35	\$325

Any senior player who was **not registered** with NFA in 2021 will need to pay an additional \$27.40 to their 2022 registration fee. The advertised fee above includes a rebate from NFA for the shortened 2021 season.

COMMUNICATION

Communication from the club comes in various forms – Website, Facebook and Email. Please make sure email addresses are correct and that you regularly check either the Website or Facebook for messages.

For those requiring information please note that at this time of year our admin/registrar gets very busy with registrations, please ensure you only make contact regarding registrations. If you require other information, please contact the committee member your question relates too. If they cannot assist, they will forward you to the appropriate person.

There have been some changes in the committee with some members stepping down and some taking on new roles. Please refer below and also to our website www.blaxlandfootball.com to see our current committee members and their contact details.

The Club welcomes anyone wishing to join the committee or assist in any capacity. If you are interested in joining, please let us know at secretary@blaxlandfootball.com

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CALENDAR

January 2022

- 1 Jan Active kids program commences
- 4 Jan Registration commences
- 31 Jan Under 14's Trials 6 – 7:30pm
Under 17's Trials 7:30pm – 9pm

February 2022

- 1 Feb Under 14's Trials 6 – 7:30pm
Under 17's Trials 7:30pm – 9pm
- 2 Feb Under 13/14/15/16 Girls Trials 6:30 – 8pm
Under 15's Trials 6:30 – 8pm
- 3 Feb Under 15's Trials 6:30 – 8pm
- 10 Feb Clubhouse registration night @ St Johns 6:30pm – 8:30pm
- 14 Feb Early bird registration closes
- 15 Feb Late fees apply to registrations
- 16 Feb Under 10 Grading Night 6 - 7:15pm
Under 11 Grading Night 7 – 8pm
- 17 Feb Under 10 Grading Night 6 - 7:15pm
Under 11 Grading Night 7 – 8pm

March 2022

- 6 Mar Muster Day U5-17 Age Groups 10am - 12:30pm
- TBA Coaches and Managers Meetings
- 12/13 Mar Proposed Trial Games Weekend
- 19/20 Mar Proposed Trial Games Weekend
- 26/27 Mar Competition Starts

April 2022

- TBA Under 4's Miniros Program Commences

Trials will only be held for those age groups mentioned above. Trials will not be held for age groups where it is not required due to only having one established team. Please contact our Director of Coaching - Ben Coburn coaching@blaxlandfootball.com if you have any questions regarding this.

UNDER 4'S MINIROOS PROGRAM

We are proud to announce that the very successful and fun U4 Miniros program is returning this season. It is open to ANY child turning 4 in 2022. The cost of this program is still to be advised. This cost includes a Miniros participant pack (includes a bag, a football, a customised t-shirt, an activity booklet and a sticker sheet) as well as Redbacks training socks (no logos). Please note that you are unable to use your Active Kids Voucher (AKV) for this program as this is strictly for 4 year olds and AKV's are designed for students enrolled at school between the ages of 5-18 year old.

The program will commence Early to Mid April and will operate from 9am-9:45am on at Saturday morning. Check out our Facebook page or Website for the link to register.

Feel free to contact our Small Side Games coordinator – Aaron Phillips ssgcoordinator@blaxlandfootball.com if you have any other questions regarding this program.

MERCHANDISE

We have a variety of new merchandise available for sale. If you are interested in any of these please have a chat to someone at the club on a Saturday and Sunday where we have sizing samples. You are also able to purchase these items if we have them in stock or place an order if they are not in stock.

Custom orders can include initials or names on the shirt, jacket or bags. If your team has someone interested in sponsoring the team, this can also be included as part of a team package.



Merchandise Prices

BFC Jacket	\$45	BFC Cap	\$25
BFC Polo Shirt	\$30	BFC Beanie	\$15
BFC T-Shirt	\$20	BFC Duffle Bag	\$40
BFC Shorts	\$25	BFC Boot Bag	\$20
BFC Socks	\$15	BFC Umbrella	\$25

*Player initials can be heat pressed onto most items for \$5
Check out the full range of merchandise at the clubhouse!



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COACHING

Coaches play a crucial role in ensuring that football is an enjoyable experience for everyone, no matter what level or age, as well as laying the foundation for the development of better players. Blaxland Football Club recommends that all coaches undertake the relevant coaching course of the age they are coaching. This will help ensure a consistent style of coaching across the club, which in turn helps with player development across all divisions and ages.

U5-U9 COACHES

All coaches of teams from U5 to U9 must complete the Mini-roo's Coaching Course – No exceptions. Nepean Football Association (NFA) will be conducting courses prior to the season start. We advise that even parents who may not be 'officially' the coach, to also undertake the course so that they are able to assist their team's coach. You do not have to have played football to undertake the course. The course is free and runs for 3 hours. Dates and times for these courses have not yet been released by NFA. We will let you know dates and times as soon as we can.

U9-All Age and Over 35's COACHES

Below you will find the relevant coaching certificates for U9-AA U9-U13 coaches undertake the Skills Training Certificate course. U13-U17 coaches undertake the Game Training Certificate course. U17-AA coaches undertake the Senior Coaching Certificate course. Please use the following link to find an upcoming course.

<https://www.playfootball.com.au/coach/find-a-course>

The courses run for 14 hours over two days. The cost of all the courses is approx. \$100. The club will reimburse any coach that undertakes the course and coaches a Blaxland FC team.

All coaches of Division 1 teams are required to have the appropriate age specific qualification prior to the season commencing. For teams that were in Division 2 last season and finished in the top two positions after the home and away competition, you will be playing Division 1 in 2022. The Association will check Division 1 teams for coach accreditation and those teams without an accredited coach will lose competition points.

We want to support our coaches in the best way we can. We are lucky enough to have a highly accredited coach at the club who will be holding training and development sessions for all our coaches. A bit of Coaching for Coaches!! At this stage we will be holding 3 training nights throughout the season (Dates TBA).

You can find more coaching courses as well as coaching recourses under the Coach tab on the Play Football Website <https://www.playfootball.com.au/coach>

Coaches, please remember that if you have any questions or would like support at training or at the games, we are here to help you. Please contact our Director of Coaching - Ben Coburn at coaching@blaxlandfootball.com

COACHES AND MANAGERS

All coaches and managers must be registered through My Football and prior to team nominations at the end of February. As part of your registration, all coaches and managers need to have a current and valid Working With Children Check (WWCC). Please ensure this is completed prior to starting your registration through My Football.

All teams are required to have coaches and managers prior to team nominations. If there is no qualified coach and no manager, then we are unable to submit that team for registration with Nepean.

Team Sheets for Under 11's and up will continue to be electronic. There is no more paper. Further details for new coaches and managers will be provided at the Coaches and Managers Night.

If you have any further questions regarding this, please contact our Secretary – Kristy Good at secretary@blaxlandfootball.com

TRAINING

This year's training schedule will be posted on our website when all teams, including coaches and managers have been sorted. Please stick to your allotted time and location once it has been advised.

PRE-SEASON TRAINING

Pre-season training will be happening for some of the older teams. Please keep an eye out on our Facebook page and Website for more details and wait to hear from your coach regarding details.



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WHAT TEAM WILL I BE IN?

This is a question that everyone wants an answer to, and that is understandable. Explained below is the process the club goes through to organise teams to ensure everyone plays at the best possible level they can, that teams are competitive and that everyone enjoys playing football.

Under 5's to Under 9's is non-competitive. No scores are recorded, teams are not in divisions, and clubs are grouped in geographical areas to ensure minimum travel on game day. In these ages, you can request to play with friends. As a club we will do what we can to accommodate this, but it is not always possible due to team numbers. The increase in team numbers from Under 7's to Under 8's means that we combine teams and again, the club will do what we can to accommodate players requests, but it is based on team numbers. We do not grade in any of these age groups.

Under 10's and Under 11's are graded. After registration, we as a club look at all players in the Under 10's and Under 11's and place them in a team based on their ability. This is to allow similar ability players to train and play with players of a similar level to help them develop as footballers. This process is also undertaken in preparation for competition games starting in Under 12's.

Under 12's to Under 17's. These age groups consist of teams across a variety of divisions. We as a club want every child to be playing at the best possible level they can be. We want all our teams to be competitive, whether it is Division 1 or Division 4. To do this we need players playing in appropriate teams. Therefore, we hold trials for players that wish to play in the highest team possible in their age group. Our intention as a club is to have our teams playing in the highest possible division for their ability. For those age groups that have multiple teams, grading may still be necessary after trials, so we can determine the most appropriate division, but this cannot be determined until registrations are complete.

Intermediates to All Age and Over 35's. In these age groups, the process varies. We have teams across a variety of divisions. Our All Age Div 2 team are currently undertaking preseason training and our AA Div 10 team are all mates playing together. We still want everyone playing at the most competitive level they can, and if you are interested in playing in these ages or have any questions, please contact the club at coaching@blaxlandfootball.com or admin@blaxlandfootball.com

HELPING OUT...

No matter what team you are in, we need your help. We are a community club, we are a family club, and this happens through the help of everyone. A few times throughout the season, your team will be scheduled on to help in the canteen and cook the BBQ. It is only for a few hours each time, but we do need you to volunteer your time to help not only your team, but the club. Your coach and manager will be notified of when you are scheduled on to help and they will organise the schedule for the day.

Thank you in advance for doing your part to help out!!

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